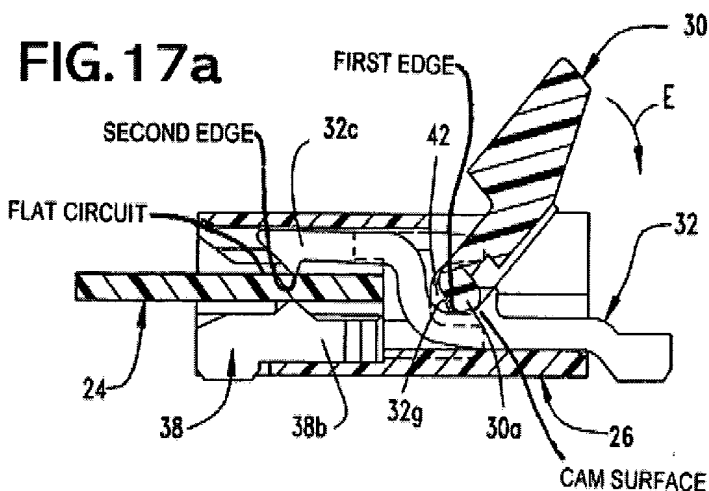


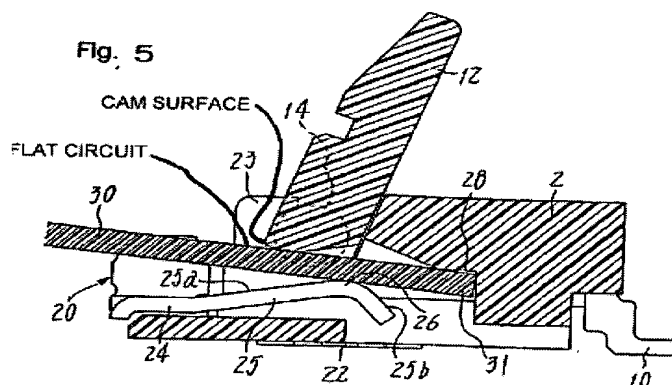
REMARKS:

In the International Preliminary Report on Patentability completed on September 26, 2005, the Examiner suggested that the original application documents do not reveal first edges of the flexible contact arms that would be engageable by the cam portions. As shown in Figure 17a below, the first edge of the flexible contact arm is engageable by the cam surface and the second edge of the flexible contact arm is forced into engagement with the flat circuit.



Accordingly, it is incorrect that the Examiner conclude that this limitation “extends beyond the content of the application as filed”.


Also the reference cited by the Examiner US 2003/0060072 does not have the limitation of the cam engaging a terminal which biases the contact arms into engagement with the flat circuit. As shown in Figure 5 below of the cited reference, although the actuator has a cam surface, the cam surface directly engages the flat circuit and does not engage a terminal which thereafter engages the flat circuit.



Accordingly, the argument that the claimed invention does not have novelty is not correct since not all the claimed elements appear in the cited reference.

Since the reference cited by the Examiner does not include all of the elements of the claimed invention, then the rejection for lack of novelty has been shown to be incorrect. The Examiner in this national phase of the PCT application is requested to consider the remarks in this Preliminary Amendment prior to examining the national phase PCT application.

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